

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on January 26, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch  
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 292, 1/23/2017; HB 294, 1/23/2017

00:01:20 Chair Ballance  
00:01:25 Rep. Cuffe joined the meeting

**HEARING ON HB 292**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:58 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 292, Revise school funding laws related to inflation and 6th grade per-ANB amount.

**EXHIBIT(aph19a01)**

00:03:08 Chair Ballance  
00:03:28 Rep. Kelker  
00:03:50 Rep. Lynch joined the meeting  
00:15:36 Chair Ballance  
00:16:15 Rep. Kelker

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:16:41 Terry Bouck, Billings Public Schools  
00:20:52 Jeana Lervick, Billings Public Schools  
00:23:43 Mike Arnold, Billings School District  
00:26:25 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association  
00:30:33 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:31:55 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:32:31 Vice Chair McCarthy  
00:35:17 Paul Taylor, OPI  
00:35:45 Chair Ballance  
00:36:01 Paul Taylor, OPI  
00:36:25 Vice Chair Brodehl  
00:36:53 Paul Taylor, OPI  
00:37:57 Rep. Cuffe  
00:38:38 Paul Taylor, OPI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:03 Rep. Kelker

Vice Chair Brodehl left the meeting

**HEARING ON HB 294**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:42:15 Rep. Jean Price (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 294, Encourage accessible playgrounds statewide.

[EXHIBIT\(aph19a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph19a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph19a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph19a05\)](#)

00:42:49 Rep. Keane joined the meeting  
Rep. Cuffe left the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:52:16 Sarah and Barrett Corbally, self  
00:54:19 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association  
00:55:07 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns  
00:56:42 Rep. Ellis joined the meeting  
00:58:12 Kelsi Steele, self  
00:59:06 Vice Chair McCarthy left the meeting  
00:59:27 Rep. Tschida joined the meeting  
00:59:34 Rep. Cook joined the meeting  
00:59:51 Rep. Dudik joined the meeting  
01:02:20 Rep. Woods joined the meeting  
01:02:46 Charlie Briggs, Easter Seals-Goodwill  
01:04:18 Jaden Dygon, self  
01:05:10 Jim Ahrens, Montana Advocates for Children

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:06:05 Tom Reilly, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:06:50 Rep. Price

01:10:00 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:10:24

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Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([aph19aad.pdf](#))